NOTIFICATION.

No. R. 2067—Agri. 39-10-2, dated Bangalore 1st October 1910.

The following communication dated the 29th July 1910, regarding the conditions imposed by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in respect of the importation of corn sacks into that Colony, is published for general information.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
Governor-General's Office,
Melbourne, 29th July 1910.

Your Excellency,—

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the Government of India, two copies of a Proclamation, dated the 13th February 1908, announcing that, on and after the 15th of May 1908, the importation into the Commonwealth of Australia of corn sacks other than that of a certain specific weight, size and quality will be prohibited.

2. I am informed by His Majesty's Prime Minister of the Commonwealth that in view of recent attempted importation of sacks not complying with the standard description, the Federal Government think it desirable that the Government of India should be asked to give publicity to the terms of the Proclamation and informed that the conditions therein must be carefully observed by manufacturers if the penalties including forfeiture of the sacks are to be avoided.

3. Whilst the weight specified in the Proclamation is that of the sacks when baled, it is desired manufacturers should clearly understand that explanations of short weight by excessive evaporation will not be seriously considered, and that no allowance in exceptional cases on that account in excess of ten pounds per bale will be permitted.

4. In regard to the porter and shot, it is frequently asserted that it is difficult, if not impossible, to be precise throughout in the texture. It is found, however, that the greater volume of consignments is satisfactory in that particular, and therefore there is no reason why that requirement should not be complied with.

5. The size should not be less or more than that prescribed and any sacks not conforming to that special condition are also liable to forfeiture.

6. It is proposed to stringently enforce the precise conditions of the Proclamation, and it is considered much inconvenience and loss will be avoided by manufacturers if greater care is taken to comply with the specific conditions of Australian requirements.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

To

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, Simla.

Extract from Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 9, dated the 15th February 1908.

PROCLAMATION.

Commonwealth of Australia, to wit,
Northcote,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honourable Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most

Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

Whereas by the Customs Act, 1901, it is enacted that all goods the importation of which may be prohibited by Proclamation are prohibited imports, and that the power of prohibiting the importation of goods shall authorise prohibition subject to any specified condition or restriction, and that goods imported contrary to any such condition or restriction shall be prohibited imports: and whereas by a Proclamation dated the seventh day of June 1905, and published in the Gazette on the seventeenth day of June 1905, it was declared that from and after the first day of September 1905, the importation of corn sacks into Australia contrary to the conditions and restrictions contained in such Proclamation should be prohibited and whereas it is desirable to revoke the said Proclamation and to make this Proclamation in lieu thereof: now therefore I, Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby revoke the said Proclamation as from the fourteenth day of May 1908, and do hereby proclaim that, on and after the fifteenth day of May 1908, the importation of corn sacks into Australia shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions, namely, that the corn sacks shall comply with the standard hereinafter set out, and that the bales containing those corn sacks shall be plainly branded or marked with the trade name, measurement, weight, porter and shot of the corn sacks therein contained: and I hereby declare that the standard for corn sacks shall be as follows:—

Size—41 inches by 23 inches.
Weight when baled—2¼ lbs.
Substance—8 porter, 9 shot.

And I declare that the importation of corn sacks into Australia contrary to the conditions and restrictions contained in this Proclamation shall be prohibited as from the said 15th day of May 1908.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia this thirteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord, one thousand and nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
AUSTIN CHAPMAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Seal

By Order,
C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Officiating Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments.